

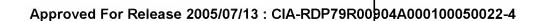
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STRUMENT: Draft Progress of MIE's for Period I July 1954 to 20 June 1955

- 1. The proposed program of ME's has been fully coordinated within CIA and with the IAC representatives. It has also taken into account the informally expressed views of State and Defense members of the NO Planning Bound, and the NOO Staff.
- 2. We anticipate only one problem at the IAC. The Air Force proposed at the IAC representatives' meeting the concellation of the estimate on Soviet Air Defence Capabilities. The IAC at its last meeting had overruled a similar Air Force proposal and the concensus of the IAC representatives was that they did not have the authority to overrule the IAC.
 - 3. The Air Perce position is that:
 - g. This subject is cololy within the occupatonce of the Air Force.
 - b. The subject has been elequately covered in a recently completed and detailed joint A-2/000 maper on this subject.
- 4. We feel that this subject is a national intelligence problem because:
 - g. Soviet air defense empabilities are one of the emitical factors in any astimate of Soviet intentions.
 - h. The economic and eciontific supporting data for any estimate on this subject are not the exclusive computence of the military.
 - g. Sowiet air defense expabilities are a critical factor in the determination of the continental defense expects of national security policy.

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